

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Application No.: 10/554,111

Attorney Docket No.: Q90854

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Four Sheets of Replacement Drawings

Attachment: 4 Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Drawings:

The Examiner has objected to the drawings for being color photographs. Applicant submits herewith black and white line drawings. It is respectfully submitted that the replacement drawings overcome the Examiner's rejection.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112:

Claims 10-20 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 10-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (second paragraph) as being indefinite and for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject invention. Specifically, the term "rod-like" was determined to be unclear. To that end, Applicant has amended the specification and claims to delete the term "rod-like" and insert "rod". It is believed that this amendment overcomes the Examiner's objection.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Claims 10-20 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (second paragraph). In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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